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Question # 1 - Thank you for posting the company names of those who attended the pre-bid meeting. We would appreciate the attendee names and contact information also.

Answer # 1 - We cannot release any contact information which would have a personal identifier. The company names that attended the proposal conference can be found on the WVDP ECS website under the Presolicitation/Site Tour Tab.

Question # 2 - As only a single, small-business contract award is anticipated, will the costs for preparation of individual Task Order proposals be reimbursable?

Answer # 2 - It is anticipated that there will be a single award to a small business concern resulting from this solicitation. However, the Government reserves the right to make any number of awards, or no award, if considered to be in the Government's best interest to do so (See L.21). The reimbursement of reasonable proposal preparation costs for task order proposals will be addressed in each individual Request for Task Proposal and will depend, in part, on the selected Offeror's Disclosure Statement on the standard accounting treatment of such costs.

Question # 3 - With respect to this anticipated contract award, what Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) constraints apply to members of the current prime contractor, West Valley Environmental Services, LLC? What OCI constraints apply to existing WVES subcontractors who were named in WVES' contract proposal to DOE, and whose subcontract(s) were not competitively awarded?

Answer # 3 - We consider it a conflict of interest for the current WVDP on-site contractor (WVES) to provide services to this IDIQ contract (except as allowed under their current contract with DOE approval). WVES includes the joint venture companies that make up the LLC. Secondly we consider it inappropriate for any of the subcontractors to WVES currently providing services at WVDP to provide services under this IDIQ contract and it would be considered a conflict of interest. (See Question/Answer #80)

Question # 4 - Does the Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management (EM), West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) consider it a conflict of interest for a Minority Member Company of West Valley Environmental Services, LLC to participate as a Subcontractor, Joint Venture Member, or Member of an LLC for the upcoming Environmental Characterization Support Services Acquisition?

Answer # 4 - See Question/Answer #3 above and #80.

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- Question # 5 -** Regarding subject solicitation, what is the correct cut-off date for submission of questions? Section L.27 states "within 30 calendar days after the release of the RFP," while section L.32 gives a 10-day limit.
- Answer # 5 -** Per Request for Proposal (RFP) Amendment 001 issued on 1/8/10, Section L.27 of the solicitation has been corrected to read "within **10** calendar days after the release of the RFP". The Request for RFP was originally released to the public via a Special Notice on the FedConnect (<https://www.fedconnect.net>) and Federal Business Opportunities ([www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)) websites on January 6, 2010; therefore, questions on the RFP are to be submitted before January 16, 2010.
- Question # 6 -** Does bidding on or accepting award for the ECS work preclude or negatively impact an entity from bidding on or receiving an award for the Phase 1 Decommissioning RFP that is anticipated for WVDP? We responded to the sources sought for small business for that opportunity and were curious about a potential COI with the ECS.
- Answer # 6 -** Since Phase 1 Decommissioning RFP has not yet been solicited, a determination of conflict of interest can not be made.
- Question # 7 -** Should the labor loaded schedule created in P6 or Microsoft Project be delivered in P6/Project AND pdf, or just P6/Project? Spreadsheet work is delivered in both formats, but nothing was mentioned about pdf with respect to schedules.
- Answer # 7 -** Schedules should be submitted in accordance with the stated RFP requirements.
- Question # 8 -** I have seen the solicitation number written with 3 zeros and 4 zeros. Which number is correct?
- Answer # 8 -** The correct solicitation number is DE-SOL-0000872.
- Question # 9 -** Which sections of Section C, L, and M need to be correlated to the proposal pages in the cross reference matrix (i.e., C1-12, L1-34, and M1-5)? Some of these sections are simply informational and can't truly be correlated to any text within the proposal.
- Answer # 9 -** The cross reference matrix included in the Technical proposal should be correlated with the Sample Task and Work Breakdown Structure in Schedule 4 of the Cost Templates included in Attachment L-6 of the RFP.
- Question # 10 -** Paragraph L.30 requires the Offeror to use Attachment L-3 for submission of past performance reference information. Page limitations are stated in paragraph L.30 for Parts A and B for Attachment L-3. As provided on the EMCBC web site, Attachment L-3 does not have parts A and B. Without the ability to provide

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project descriptions outside the page count the Offeror will be very limited in the technical and management response. Please clarify.

Answer # 10 - An RFP amendment will be issued to correct Section L.30 to state Attachment L-3 should be used to support Criterion 1 and 4 of the Technical Proposal, in lieu of Criterion 3 and 4. Additionally, the amendment will include an updated version of Attachment L-3, which will include parts A and B.

Question # 11 - There appears to be a discrepancy in the numbering of the Criteria for the Volume II, Technical Proposal. Section L.30, first paragraph, refers to the Experience and Past Performance Form, Attachment L-3, as pertaining to Criterion 3 and 4. However, Criterion 1 is listed as Relevant Experience under L.30 (1). L.30, first paragraph, also states "The technical proposal shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 1 and 2," which would be Relevant Experience and Technical and Management Approach under L.30 (1) and (2), respectively. Please clarify the numbering of the criteria and to which criteria the page limitation applies.

Answer # 11 - Please see Answer # 10 above. Per amendment 001 of the RFP issued on January 8, 2010, the Technical proposal shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 1 and Criterion 2, **combined**; pages in excess of this will not be evaluated.

Question # 12 - Section L, Attachment L-2, List of Terminated Contracts, has a "DRAFT" watermark. Does the DOE plan to revise this form?

Answer # 12 - An amendment will be issued removing the "DRAFT" watermark on Section L, Attachment L-2.

Question # 13 - Attachment L-1, Paragraph 4.2.1 requires the IDIQ contractor "to clear the area of buried infrastructure concerns" and says "This clearing process will be done in coordination with the existing facility O&M contractor." Is the IDIQ contractor expected to use field techniques to locate buried infrastructure or coordinate with the M&O, who's responsibility it is to identify any and all buried infrastructure? Is the IDIQ contractor responsible for locating buried infrastructure or coordinating with the M&O to identify areas where intrusive, subsurface activities are anticipated?

Answer # 13 - The Environmental Characterization Services IDIQ contractor will be responsible for identifying and mapping buried infrastructure, using information maintained by the current onsite DOE contractor/available archive records.

Question # 14 - Where are we to provide copies of teaming arrangements with subcontractors? In volume I?

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Answer # 14 - Per section L.29(b)(5) of the solicitation, teaming arrangements with subcontractors are to be provided in Volume I under "Recognition of Performing Entity".

Question # 15 - If the EMCBC has recently received (i.e. within the past 3 months) Past Performance Questionnaires from clients referenced in this proposal, will EMCBC accept those questionnaires rather than requesting additional ones from the same client. (Note: Some of our clients have indicated that they will not complete additional questionnaires).

Answer # 15 - A new Past Performance Questionnaire must be completed and submitted for each contract reference provided to demonstrate Relevant Experience under Criterion 1 of the Technical Proposal. Past Performance Questionnaires submitted under another DOE solicitation will not be accepted or evaluated.

Question # 16 - Attachment L-1: Representative Sample Task. **Question:** Table 2 (page 12 of 18) provides the average and maximum residual activity concentrations to be satisfied. Has the volume of soil, in which the maximum values are allowed, been determined, so that the spacing of investigative samples/measurements, necessary to achieve an accepted level of confidence that the maximum levels over that volume are not exceeded, been established?

Answer # 16 - The maximum clean-up value is a "never-to-exceed" value so no volume determination is needed.

Question # 17 - Attachment L-1: Representative Sample Task page 14 of 18. **Question:** In Table 4 (site-specific background levels) what do the two different values represent?

Answer # 17 - **Median and (Maximum)** values are presented in the table with the following footnote: Note that if a data set is symmetric, the average (i.e., mean) and the median will be the same. However, if the distribution is skewed to the right (i.e., contains a large number of low values and a few high values), the average will usually be higher than the median. For this reason, the median may be the more reliable estimator of central tendency.

Question # 18 - Are the DCGLs applied via a sum of the ratios method in the representative sample task?

Answer # 18 - Yes

Question # 19 - Will EMCBC grant a two-week extension to the proposal due date?

Answer # 19 - See Amendment 001 issued January 8, 2010. The submission date of proposals was extended by one-week to February 9, 2010.

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Question # 20 - On page 6 of 18 in Section L it states that questions are due "within 30 calendar days after release of RFP". This contradicts the Cover Letter, which state 10 calendar days. I am assuming 10 days is the correct reference, but could you please verify this?

Answer # 20 - See Question/Answer #5.

Question # 21 - We are aware of the Fee Ceiling Section and what we need to provide you; However, is there a specific form to be filled out? Or do we just submit page 2 of 2 in Section B and pencil in out percentages?

Answer # 21 - Section B.2 should be completed and submitted in Volume III for each Offeror's proposal.

Question # 22 - Does the stipulation in Schedule-5 regarding Subcontractors (not LLC or JV) in excess of \$500K apply to just the Sample Problem POP or does it apply to any subcontractor that is projected to earn over \$500K over the entire POP of the IDIQ?

Answer # 22 - The requirement in Section L, Attachment L-6, Schedule 5, regarding the submission of detailed cost information for subcontracts over the \$500K threshold, applies to subcontracts proposed for the performance of the sample task.

Question # 23 - In Schedule-5 where a LLC/JV/>\$500K breakout is required, are the subcontracted Direct Labor/Fringe/OH details required to be included in the Direct Labor columns or should they be considered Non-Labor costs in the Other Directs columns?

Answer # 23 - Reference Schedule 5, Detailed Costs by Individual WBS Worksheet, Subcontracted direct labor and related burdens should be reflected in the Direct Labor columns. Non-Labor subcontract costs and related burdens should be included in the Other Directs columns.

Question # 24 - Are there any restrictions to the use of hidden columns/rows in the Schedules (for the purpose of indexing and summarizing only)?

Answer # 24 - For the purpose of Indexing and summarizing within Excel worksheets, there are no restrictions to the use of hidden columns and/or rows in the schedules submitted. Any data included in hidden rows/columns must be visible when the columns/rows are unhidden.

Question # 25 - Section C.12.3, Representative Performance Expectations, bullet 21, of the RFP reads "Remove inactive utilities and structures..."

**Question:** Therefore, does the phrase "clear the area of buried infrastructure" in the Sample Task on page 4, 2nd hollow bullet, mean removal of the buried infrastructure by the contractor?

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Answer # 25 - The IDIQ contractor will be responsible for identifying and mapping buried infrastructure, using information maintained by the current onsite DOE contractor/available archive records. The IDIQ contractor may be required to remove infrastructure incidental to characterization efforts.

Question # 26 - Will the contractor be required to sign onto the site General Storm Water NPDES permit or Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP)?

Answer # 26 - The IDIQ contractor will be responsible to comply with all provisions of current held permits.

Question # 27 - The following is written in Section H, but I think the reference should be attachment J-3, no?

**H.6 DOE-H-1011 Department of Labor Wage Determinations**

In the performance of this contract the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination(s) located in **Section J, Attachment 2**, and 52.222-42 STATEMENT OF EQUIVALENT RATES FOR FEDERAL HIRE when applicable.

Answer # 27 - Per Amendment 002 issued on 1/14/10, Section H.6 has been revised to read "Section J, Attachment 3".

Question # 28 - In the first paragraph within Section L.30 on page 10 of 18, the third sentence reads:

For each Experience and Past Performance Reference Information Form, Attachment L-3, submitted in accordance with Criterion 3 and Criterion 4 below, Part A of the form is limited to three (3) pages; Part B of the form has no page limitation.

- (1) Experience and past performance address criteria 1 and 4, not 3, and
- (2) The form in Attachment L-3 (as it is presented) does not have a "part A" and "part B".

Having realized that, Criterion 3 has no page limitation.

Answer # 28 - See Question/Answer # 10 and 11 above.

Question # 29 - Ref. L.30(2) last sentence, "...WBS structure presented in Schedule 4 of Section L, Attachment 8, and Cost Templates." Should this reference be for Attachment 6? If not, please supply Attachment 8.

Answer # 29 - Yes the reference should be L-6. Per Amendment 002 issued on 1/14/10, Section L.30(2) was revised to reflect this change.

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Question # 30 - Ref. L30 (1) third paragraph first sentence, "...at least three (3) contracts for each major subcontractor." Please define "major subcontractor."

Answer # 30 - A major subcontractor is defined as any proposed subcontract to greater than or equal to \$500,000. Also see Question/Answer # 25 above.

Question # 31 - Reference: Pg. 13 of 18 in section L.30 The Offeror shall provide the Past Performance Questionnaire, Section L, Attachment L-5, to each of the clients named on Attachment L-4. The Offeror shall require that the clients return the Past Performance Questionnaire directly to the address identified on Attachment L-6 no later than three (3) weeks after issuance of this solicitation. Attachment L-4 is the ES&H form; no clients named. We assume this is an error. Please clarify whether DOE is requesting that bidders include a list of client references within Criterion 4. Attachment L-6 is the Cost form, no address identified. We assume that this should refer to Attachment L-5. Please confirm. With amendment 001 extending the due date one week, would DOE please consider extending the due date for clients return of PPQs by one week?

Answer # 31 - Past Performance Questionnaires (PPQs) should be submitted contracts named in Attachment L-3, in lieu of Attachment L-4. PPQ's should be sent the mailing address included in Attachment L-5, in lieu of Attachment L-6. The PPQ submission date will be extend by one week. All PPQs must be submitted within 4 weeks of the date of RFP release. Amendment 002 issued on 1/14/10 reflected these changes to L.30.

Question # 32 - Reference: Pg. 12 of 18 in section L.30 AND Pg. 10 of 18 in L.30 Criterion 3 – Key Personnel, Organization & Staffing Criterion 4 – Relevant Past Performance (Each Attachment L-3 Past Performance Reference Information Form shall not exceed 2 pages per referenced contract.) The Technical Proposal consists of written information intended to present the Offeror's understanding, capabilities, and approach to satisfy the requirements of the PWS. The Technical proposal shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 1 and Criterion 2; pages in excess of this will not be evaluated. For each Experience and Past Performance Reference Information Form, Attachment L-3, submitted in accordance with Criterion 3 and Criterion 4 below, Part A of the form is limited to three (3) pages; Part B of the form has no page limitation. Do Criterion 3 and Criterion 4 have no page limits other than the page limitation for Attachment L-3? There is no section A or B called out on the L-3 form; and looking at both references please clarify if the requirement is 2 pages or 3 pages for each project.

Answer # 32 - See Questions/Answers # 10 and 11 above.



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Question # 33 - Would DOE consider extending the deadline for questions by one week, consistent with the extended proposal due date?

Answer # 33 - See Question/Answer # 5 above.

Question # 34 - In Section L, page 11 of 18, the last sentence in the first paragraph under Criterion 2 states: "The Offeror shall use the government provided WBS structure presented in Schedule 4 of Section L, Attachment 8, and Cost Templates." I am assuming that the text should read "attachment 6"?!

Answer # 34 - See Question/Answer # 33 above.

Question # 35 - Page 10 of 18 in Section L describes Attachment L-3 (past performance) as "part A" being limited to 3 pages. But page 12 of 18 describes Attachment L-3 as "not exceeding 2 pages". Now regardless of the fact that there is no "part A and part B" as described on page 10 of 18 (see previous email), there still seems to be a discrepancy between 2 or 3 pages for Attachment L-3.

Answer # 35 - See Questions/Answers # 10 and 11 above.

Question # 36 - In section L on page 13 of 18, the third paragraph references Attachment L-6 for ES&H Form. Shouldn't it be Attachment L-4?

Answer # 36 - Per Amendment 002 issued on 1/14/10, L.30 was amended to reflect the correct reference which is Attachment L-4.

Question # 37 - On that same page (13 of 18) paragraph 4, I am assuming that the questionnaire (L-5) is to be provided for clients named on Attachment L-3? The text reads L-4.

Answer # 37 - See Question/Answer # 31 above.

Question # 38 - I am also assuming, the correct location of the address for the clients to return the questionnaires to is on Attachment L-5? Not L-6?

Answer # 38 - See Question/Answer # 31 above.

Question # 39 - Will there be an extension on the due date of the Past Performance questionnaires that are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January?

Answer # 39 - See Question/Answer # 31 above.